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The presently claimed invention relates generally to fingerprinting, e.g., deriving an identifier from a content item (e.g., audio or video). One claim recites a method including: maintaining a list of content items, the list of content items being associated with one or more fingerprints derived from data representing audio or video samples corresponding to the content items; identifying a subset of the list of content items as active content items, the subset being associated with those content items being subject to updates; deriving at least one fingerprint from a content item monitored or obtained from a network; and interrogating the list of content items with the at least one fingerprint to identify the monitored or obtained content item. Of course, other combinations are provided and claimed.